



February 2022

Dear families,

Year 10 Work Experience

I hope this letter finds you well. Your child has been given a pack today regarding our work experience program this year. The pack includes a letter, consent form and placement contract. At Newhouse Academy, we are committed to ensuring **every** child in year 10 attends a work experience placement in the summer term during the week beginning 4th July.

Work Experience week is a valuable opportunity to help to prepare our students for life after Newhouse Academy and is delivered as part of our careers and advice programme.

We are one of the few schools in the local authority area that still commits to delivering a work experience program for all students. Feedback we receive from our partners in the local colleges after the student's placement interviews in Year 11, suggests that our students stand out above others who have not had this valuable opportunity, as they are able to talk with confidence about the transferable skills they developed during the placement.

The pack requires two actions:

1. Sign the parental consent form giving permission for your child to take part
2. Include details of an offer of a work experience placement that you or your child has secured

The reason we ask you to find your own placement for your child is that students who secure their own placement are more likely to be successful as they have been able to match more closely to an area of work they are interested in.

I strongly urge you and your child to spend some time finding an offer of a work placement as this gives by far the better overall experience. If you and your child are struggling to find a placement, please contact Miss Jamieson (email jamiesonl@newhouseacademy.co.uk) who will be happy to arrange some extra support.

It may be that we will be able to offer a limited number of placements, sourced by our work experience partners, Positive Steps, however we cannot guarantee a placement for everyone and we find it more difficult to match to an area of interest, as we have no control over what is on offer.

Even though the placement week is not until July, we have a deadline of the **31st March 2022** for the return of the consent and placement forms as any placement offers need to be checked and cleared well in advance.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Jamieson if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Baird'.

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